

FIRE CAUSES HEAVY LOSS

FOR SECOND TIME INSIDE SIX WEEKS TONOPAH HAS SERIOUS CONFLAGRATION

Blaze Early Sunday Morning Destroys the Miners Exchange and Three Adjoining Buildings, Causing Loss \$30,000

For the second time within six weeks Tonopah was threatened with destruction by fire early yesterday morning, and although the flames were conquered by the paid and volunteer fire departments within an hour after the alarm was sounded, the loss sustained will reach approximately \$30,000 with but \$1000 insurance.

The buildings and business places destroyed follow:

Miners' Exchange hall, loss \$10,000.
Jack's cafe, loss building and furnishings, \$4000.
Merkle shoe shop, loss \$2000.
Miners' Exchange saloon, owned by T. B. Flood, loss \$3000.
Tonopah grill, loss \$2000.
Fountain bar, loss \$3000.
Dupwoody store, loss \$1000.
Vienna bakery, damaged slightly.
Nycio building, damaged \$500.
Tonopah Hardware company store, damage \$500.

The loss is covered by but \$1000, of which the Fountain bar carried \$500 and Jack's cafe the remaining \$500. The Nycio building and also the Tonopah Hardware company were also insured and the loss from water is fully covered.

The fire started on the second floor of the Miners' Exchange hall and the entire top of the structure was blazing when the alarm was sounded and the fire department responded. A half dozen lines of hose were strung and the fire fighters started at work in earnest. The water supply at the start was very poor, the streams traveling barely 50 feet. The supply to the various mills were shut off by the management and this increased supply gave considerable force. In an instant the flames had communicated to the south to the building occupied by Jack's cafe, and to the north to the Fountain bar.

It was impossible to save the Miners' Exchange hall and the fire fighters conducted their work in attempts to stay the progress of the conflagration. All the buildings destroyed were wooden, having been constructed during the early days of the camp. Naturally they burned like tinder and for a brief half hour it appeared that the town was doomed. The fire proof walls of the Nycio building, however, stayed the course of the conflagration in that direction, although it appeared several times that the roof would catch fire from the intense heat and flying embers.

On the opposite side of Main street a line of hose was kept continually playing on the buildings occupied by the Banovich Grocery company, the old Richelieu saloon building, Pearl's Mercantile company, the Abner building and the A. B. C. hotel. The front of the Banovich grocery store and the Richelieu were badly scorched and narrowly escaped bursting into flames scores of times. Had the buildings caught fire that entire side of the street would have been swept away. All of the buildings are of lumber as far as the Mipah hotel annex building.

Flying embers added to the danger, as they were carried several blocks by the breeze that sprang up.

During the first half hour of the fire merchants north of the scene started emptying their stores. The Wells Fargo office was cleaned out entirely and the wares and furnishings scattered along the street. The Langley Investment company and Ryan and Stenson also managed to carry out a large part of their furniture and fixtures. The offices on the second floor were cleaned of their furnishings and the effects piled in the street. After the flames had been extinguished the various owners of the goods piled in the street recovered their effects with hardly an exception. Every thing taken from the Wells Fargo office

was recovered and the remaining merchants also met with success in securing their goods and furnishings.

The manner in which the fire fighters extinguished the flames is a splendid testimonial to the two organizations. The blaze was extinguished after it had communicated with the Vienna bakery building, but very little damage resulted to the structure.

It is the belief of the officials that the fire started on the second floor of the Miners' Exchange hall. A dance was held in the hall Saturday night and it is stated that a carelessly thrown cigarette or cigar smoldered for several hours after the hall was vacated and then burst into flames. Night Officer Arthur Donahue was through the building at 2:30 o'clock and made a careful search for a purse lost by one of the dancers. At that time he declares there was no smoke to be noticed. He is of the opinion that the fire was started by other means and the fact that he visited the building an hour before the flames broke adds strength to the theory.

It is argued by some that the flames broke out in the front part of the building first, while others claim the rear was the first to blaze up. At any rate the entire second story was a mass of flames within five minutes after the alarm was sounded.

The Tonopah Miners' union office, located on the second floor of the building, was destroyed and not a thing was saved from the office. Nearly all the books of the organization were in the safe and as this receptacle has not been opened yet the condition of the contents is not known.

The water company was strongly condemned for failing to maintain a pressure sufficient to send the various streams onto the burning buildings with force that would do good. At the start the pressure was very light and the fire fighters were forced to protect themselves with wet blankets in order to get near enough to apply the water in a useful manner. After 20 minutes the force increased but towards the last it weakened again.

The Miners' Exchange hall was owned by Davidovich and Plamanex and was one of the first big structures to be erected in this city.

FIRE FIGHTER PAYS LITTLE HEED TO DANGER

"HAPPY" SCURLOCK RECEIVES PRAISE FOR WORK SUNDAY NIGHT

During the disastrous fire of yesterday morning various comments of a favorable nature were to be heard concerning the fearlessness of one of the fire fighters. The volunteer in question, "Happy" Scurlock, was in the thickest of the fighting and on every occasion where a stream was in the proximity of the blaze, "Happy" was to be found at the nozzle. He was one of the first to arrive at the scene and was the last to leave.

At times the youth occupied positions that were considered extremely dangerous, but he paid no heed to the danger and continued the work of extinguishing the blaze until the last ember was out.

"Happy" is justly entitled to the praise bestowed upon him by the citizens of Tonopah.

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BLOODY BATTLE FOUGHT IN STREET OF MANAGUA

THOUSANDS OF DEAD BODIES LITTER STREETS OF NICARAGUAN CAPITAL

WASHINGTON, August 19.—Minister Weitzel of Nicaragua reports the Managua battle as one of the bloodiest in Central American history.

Thousands of dead are lying unburied about the city, threatening an epidemic. The revolutionists' strength is increasing.

NAVAL BILL CALLS FOR ONE NEW WARSHIP

COMPROMISE EFFECTED AND NEW SHIP WILL COST FIFTY MILLIONS

WASHINGTON, August 19.—The senate and house conferees have agreed to compromise on one \$15,000,000 battleship in the naval bill. This is expected to end the dispute. The ship will not be a superdreadnaught as originally planned.

The senate adopted the conference report on the naval bill. The house is expected to adopt the bill later. The measure will probably go to the president tomorrow afternoon. Thornton and Lodge vainly attempted to have the senate insist on two battleships.

FOREIGNERS IN CHINA ALARMED OVER SITUATION

SUN YAT SEN IS MOBILIZING ARMY AND EARLY CLASH IS EXPECTED

TIENSIN, August 19.—Foreigners are alarmed at the prospect of fighting when Sun Yat Sen arrives, en route to Peking.

Sun is determined to charge Yuan with the murder of Chinese generals. It is feared Sun's life will be attempted at Peking. A bodyguard has been organizing to accompany him Pekingward.

SHANGHAI, August 19.—Sun's agents are mobilizing an army of 300,000, and it is expected when under arms he will seek a clash with Yuan's troops. There is considerable anti-foreign sentiment.

RENO ATTORNEY DELIVERS ADDRESS TO LARGE CROWD

A. Grant Miller, the Reno attorney, addressed a large crowd last evening, taking as the topic of his speech the leading issues of the day. The meeting was held on Main street in front of the Miners' Exchange hall site and several hundred people listened to the address. Mr. Miller is one of the socialist candidates running for the legislature in Washoe county, and was a delegate to the national convention of that party, held this year in Milwaukee.

SIGHTS FIFTY ICEBERGS

NEW YORK, August 19.—More than 50 icebergs were sighted near New Foundland by Captain Amundson of the steamer Ragunok, which came in today.

CONGRESS HAS NO SYMPATHY FOR COMMERCE COURT

SENATE PASSES NEW BUDGET BILL WHICH AGAIN ABOLISHES COURT

WASHINGTON, August 19.—The senate passed the new budget bill today containing a provision abolishing the commerce court.

The Overman amendment eliminating the appropriation for a commerce court was adopted by 35 to 28.

BILLY YOUNG RECOVERS FROM AUTO ACCIDENT

FRACTURED SHOULDER AND RIBS MENDING AND PATIENT IS NOW ABOUT TOWN

Billy Young, who was injured about a week ago when his automobile turned turtle on a return trip from Goldfield, has sufficiently recovered to be up and about the street. Mr. Young, who was pinned beneath the car, sustained a fractured shoulder and three fractured ribs. He suffered a great deal of pain for the first few days, but is now mending rapidly and expects to be fully recovered within a short time.

Gus Lewin, who also sustained injuries from the same accident, has recovered completely and is now able to attend to his business duties.

MOVES DISMISS ALL INDICTMENTS AGAINST DARROW

ARGUMENTS ON MOTION BY DEFENDANT'S COUNSEL WILL BE HEARD TOMORROW

LOS ANGELES, August 19.—The date of the second Darrow trial was to have been set at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Fredericks has reiterated he would prosecute Darrow on the Bain charge, but it is generally believed the case will be dropped.

Arguments to a motion presented by Rogers to dismiss the pending Darrow indictments will be heard by Judge Hutton at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. His ground was that the trial has not been set within the 60-day limit prescribed by law.

NO FEAR OF WAR

VANCOUVER, B. C., August 19.—"The inflated fears and the absurd theories regarding the Anglo-German war scare have no foundation except in the imagination of a lot of huge jackasses." So said Joseph Martin, M. P. for the East St. Pancras, London, and former premier of British Columbia, who arrived here last evening.

Rev. Thomas S. Canning of All Hallows college of Salt Lake, arrived on the south bound train this morning and will spend several days here visiting with Father Reardon.

Carl Z. Work departed on the north bound train this morning for San Francisco, where he will spend a week or two attending to mining business.

KILLS ENTIRE FAMILY AND THEN TAKES OWN LIFE

ENGLISH ARMY CAPTAIN THEN FIRES HOUSE AND PERISHES IN FLAMES

EAST BOURNE, Eng., August 19.—Captain Hicks Murray of the Gordon Highlanders, shot and killed his two children, wounded his wife, shot himself, and then burned his house today. Murray, his wife and two other occupants of the house perished in the flames.

ADJOURNMENT CONGRESS WILL BE ON SATURDAY

ONLY VETOS OF PRESIDENT WILL PREVENT ENDING OF SESSION

WASHINGTON, August 19.—Adjournment of congress is expected Saturday. It is possible with the vetoes of the president as the only hitch.

The house is marking time while the senate leaders are planning to rush all work.

The budget bill will be the first business. If it is vetoed, attempts will be made on Wednesday to pass it over the veto. If this fails another budget bill, minus the commerce court abolition, will be passed. Taft has not decided whether he will veto the canal bill.

SCHEPPS IS FINALLY LANDED IN NEW YORK

DISTRICT ATTORNEY REFUSES TO HAND PRISONER OVER TO POLICE

NEW YORK, August 19.—Schepps arrived here today. A policeman met the train and demanded that District Attorney Whitman surrender the prisoner. The demand was refused and the detective rushed Schepps through the station into a taxicab and hurried him to the Westside prison, warning the police not to "butt in."

REPORT MOUNTAIN CLIMBER KILLED

BOMBAY, India, August 19.—W. Hunter Workman, the American mountain climber and explorer, is reported killed by an avalanche while climbing in the Himalaya range in the north of India.

REGISTRATION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the time for registration of the names of the qualified electors in the election district of Tonopah township, in the several precincts of said township, in Nye county, Nevada, prior to the primary election to be held on the 3d day of September, 1912, for the said county of Nye, will expire at 6 o'clock p. m. on the 19th day of August, 1912. Registration offices located in rooms 203-204, State Bank building.

H. H. ATKINSON, Registry Agent.

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ARE REMOVING DEBRIS FROM THE BURNED AREA

BELIEVED THAT SEVERAL BUILDINGS WILL BE RECONSTRUCTED WITHOUT DELAY

The work of removing the debris from the burned section on Main street, occasioned by the fire of yesterday morning, was started today and within the next few days the lots will be entirely free from the charred wood, the remnants of the furnishings. It is understood that George Davidovich, one of the owners of the Miners' Exchange building, will move a frame building on one of the lots, to be used as a restaurant.

Talk is general that several of the property owners will start building without delay and it is probable that several buildings will be under the course of construction within the next week or two.

WASHINGTON SWARE; LODGE SPRINGS RECORD

WASHINGTON, August 19.—George Washington actually swore. It must be true, because Senator Lodge told the senate today and produced the documents to prove it. Senator Lodge was discussing a proposition by Senator Newlands to send a committee to the president to confer on the tariff. Precedents had been cited.

"Yes," Senator Lodge said, "President Washington once did visit the senate and confer about a pending Indian treaty. But the discussion on the floor was hardly satisfactory to him. John Quincy Adams in his diary says:

"As the president left the senate chamber he said, 'I'll be damned if I'll ever go there again,' and he never did."

Senator Lodge produced the Adams diary to prove the incident.

WHAT THE STATE PRESS THINKS OF THE BONANZA

The following is from the Churchill County Eagle of Fallon: W. W. Booth, the indomitable editor of the Tonopah Daily Bonanza, shows courage that is undaunted. Notwithstanding the fact that his entire printing plant was wiped out by fire a month ago, he now brings the Bonanza out with six pages instead of four as formerly carried. The business people of Tonopah are supporting him handsomely. Success to you, Brother Booth.

CALLED TO COLORADO BY DEATH OF SISTER

Mrs. John Meaglia, one of the pioneer residents of Tonopah, was summoned to Rockwell, Colo., Sunday morning to attend the funeral of her sister. Mrs. Meaglia received the sad news of the demise of her sister Saturday and departed immediately to attend the services. She will be absent about two weeks. She will meet another sister at Reno and the two will continue on their sad mission together.

Walter E. Saxton of the J. W. Sparks brokerage firm of Philadelphia, and H. Kito, who is interested in the Jim Butler and Belmont companies, arrived this morning from the east and will spend several days here looking over the camp.

W. R. Shaber of Sparks, grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythias for the domain of Nevada, arrived from the north this morning and will pay an official visit to the local Pythian lodge this evening.

Miss Abbie Hayden arrived from San Francisco this morning and will spend several weeks visiting with relatives.

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